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Title: Method Of Matching Retention Times Among Multiple Chromatographic System

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following new paragraph:

- ( ) This is a Continuation of copending application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (x) This is a Divisional of copending application Serial No. **09/997,174**, filed on **Nov. 30, 2001**, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

- (x) Cancel the following claims 5-13, 17, & 26 of the prior application. (At least one original claim must be retained for filing purposes).

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